

record that is unrivalled. In addition, nuclear plants produce electricity without producing harmful emissions or greenhouse gases. Nuclear energy is the only major energy source that is both emission-free and expandable.

The use of nuclear energy also reduces our dependence on foreign sources of energy. Protecting our Nation's energy independence must remain at the forefront of our energy policy decisions.

Since scientists first harnessed the power of the atom for the benefit of mankind, the United States has led the world in the development of nuclear science and technology. With some 29 nuclear reactors under construction in other countries, the United States' leadership role in commercial nuclear power could be diminished. Our scientists, engineers and technicians must research, develop and build new nuclear facilities to keep their skills sharp and further their knowledge. In addition, new plant project also will mean more jobs for those scientists, engineers and technicians, as well as many other trades.

America's nuclear power plants contribute to nonproliferation efforts. Through the public-private "Megatons to Megawatts" program, which this body has strongly supported, 50 percent of the fuel used in our commercial reactors comes from converted Russian warheads.

Nuclear energy also is one of the most efficient means of producing hydrogen, another key to our energy future. Hydrogen will help reduce our dependence on imported petroleum in the transportation sector, and, like nuclear energy, is a clean air energy.

Therefore, I call upon my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution recognizing nuclear energy's important contributions to our Nation, such as maintaining our energy independence and protecting our environment. And I urge all of you to join me in supporting research, development and construction of new nuclear power plants today, so that nuclear energy can continue providing these benefits in the future.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED

SA 3975. Ms. COLLINS (for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1417, To amend title 17, United States Code, to replace copyright arbitration royalty panels with Copyright Royalty Judges.

SA 3976. Ms. COLLINS (for Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BOND, and Mr. REID)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1134, to reauthorize and improve the programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

SA 3977. Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2845, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

SA 3978. Ms. COLLINS (for Mr. ENSIGN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2845, supra.

SA 3979. Ms. COLLINS (for Mr. KYL) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2845, supra.

SA 3980. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2845, supra.

SA 3981. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 445, to eliminate certain restrictions on service of a Senator on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

SA 3982. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BIDEN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2195, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the definition of anabolic steroids and to provide for research and education activities relating to steroids and steroid precursors.

SA 3983. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. NELSON, of Florida)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2608, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

SA 3984. Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3981 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. DASCHLE) to the resolution S. Res. 445, to eliminate certain restrictions on service of a Senator on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3985. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3981 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. DASCHLE) to the resolution S. Res. 445, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3975. Ms. COLLINS (for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1417, to amend title 17, United States Code, to replace copyright arbitration royalty panels with Copyright Royalty Judges; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2004".

SEC. 2. REFERENCE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 17, United States Code.

SEC. 3. COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGE AND STAFF.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 8 is amended to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 8—PROCEEDINGS BY COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES

"Sec.

"801. Copyright Royalty Judges; appointment and functions.

"802. Copyright Royalty Judgeships; staff.

"803. Proceedings of Copyright Royalty Judges.

"804. Institution of proceedings.

"805. General rule for voluntarily negotiated agreements.

"§ 801. Copyright Royalty Judges; appointment and functions

"(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Librarian of Congress shall appoint 3 full-time Copyright

Royalty Judges, and shall appoint 1 of the 3 as the Chief Copyright Royalty Judge. The Librarian shall make appointments to such positions after consultation with the Register of Copyrights.

"(b) FUNCTIONS.—Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the functions of the Copyright Royalty Judges shall be as follows:

"(1) To make determinations and adjustments of reasonable terms and rates of royalty payments as provided in sections 112(e), 114, 115, 116, 118, 119 and 1004. The rates applicable under sections 114(f)(1)(B), 115, and 116 shall be calculated to achieve the following objectives:

"(A) To maximize the availability of creative works to the public.

"(B) To afford the copyright owner a fair return for his or her creative work and the copyright user a fair income under existing economic conditions.

"(C) To reflect the relative roles of the copyright owner and the copyright user in the product made available to the public with respect to relative creative contribution, technological contribution, capital investment, cost, risk, and contribution to the opening of new markets for creative expression and media for their communication.

"(D) To minimize any disruptive impact on the structure of the industries involved and on generally prevailing industry practices.

"(2) To make determinations concerning the adjustment of the copyright royalty rates under section 111 solely in accordance with the following provisions:

"(A) The rates established by section 111(d)(1)(B) may be adjusted to reflect—

"(i) national monetary inflation or deflation; or

"(ii) changes in the average rates charged cable subscribers for the basic service of providing secondary transmissions to maintain the real constant dollar level of the royalty fee per subscriber which existed as of the date of October 19, 1976,

except that—

"(I) if the average rates charged cable system subscribers for the basic service of providing secondary transmissions are changed so that the average rates exceed national monetary inflation, no change in the rates established by section 111(d)(1)(B) shall be permitted; and

"(II) no increase in the royalty fee shall be permitted based on any reduction in the average number of distant signal equivalents per subscriber.

The Copyright Royalty Judges may consider all factors relating to the maintenance of such level of payments, including, as an extenuating factor, whether the industry has been restrained by subscriber rate regulating authorities from increasing the rates for the basic service of providing secondary transmissions.

"(B) In the event that the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission are amended at any time after April 15, 1976, to permit the carriage by cable systems of additional television broadcast signals beyond the local service area of the primary transmitters of such signals, the royalty rates established by section 111(d)(1)(B) may be adjusted to ensure that the rates for the additional distant signal equivalents resulting from such carriage are reasonable in the light of the changes effected by the amendment to such rules and regulations. In determining the reasonableness of rates proposed following an amendment of Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations, the Copyright Royalty Judges shall consider, among other factors, the economic impact on copyright owners and users; except that no adjustment in royalty rates shall be made under this subparagraph with